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BERLIN AND PARIS REFUTE RUMORS OF EARLY PEACE PLAN

Both Capitals Deny Reports of Program of Parleys to End Warfare—France to Seek Durable Peace, Briand Says.

Germany Says Chancellor is Not to Make Peace Overtures Through Washington or Madrid—Heavy Fighting in Balkans.

Paris, Nov. 3.—"France will not sign a peace agreement until after her restoration by right of victory and until she shall have obtained all guarantees of a durable peace," said Premier Briand today.

This statement was included in the ministerial declaration of the new cabinet, which was read before the chamber of deputies and the Senate. The premier read the declaration to the chamber.

Denial From Berlin

Madrid, Nov. 3.—Formal denial is made in a statement issued at the German embassy that Prince Von Buelow intends to discuss possible peace terms here and in Washington.

A despatch from Corunna says Prince Von Buelow, who is now in Switzerland, is expected to arrive there aboard the Dutch steamer Tubania.

French Troops Land For Balkan Campaign

London, Nov. 3.—The landing of French troops at Kavala, on the Greek coast, is reported in a Sofia telegram to Berlin and although this news is unconfirmed, it seems a likely sequel to yesterday's information that British and French transports had been sighted off this Greek port. Whether or not these forces will be able to connect speedily enough with the other troops aligned against the Bulgarians from Krivopal to Sermitia to relieve the pressure there and by a possible flank attack threaten the rear of the Bulgarian forces is admittedly problematical, but the appearance of these fresh troops in the Balkans is regarded in London as a gratifying materialization of Premier Asquith's positive announcement yesterday that the independence of Serbia was one of the essentials of the war and that Great Britain and France were in full agreement regarding the means whereby this end might be attained.

With the exception of this reported landing of troops the Balkan situation today presents little besides a tangled conflict of rumors, including one that the Montenegrins are already in Bulgaria and that the Serbians are almost surrounded by the Austrians, the Germans and Bulgarians and are hastily retreating to their last positions in the Albanian mountains. These rumors, however, are not credited here, or at least are regarded as premature, since the official communications from Berlin, Vienna and Sofia record no such developments.

The Austro-German forces in northern and western Serbia and the Bulgarians in the east continue their attacks, against which the defense gradually yields ground, but the situation is not vitally changed. The size of the German force operating against Serbia is fixed at 150,000 men, according to authoritative statements that have reached London. Thus far the number of prisoners captured by this force is surprisingly small. The Austrians have officially admitted that they have been able to capture only 20 Serbian officers and 800 men.

TEUTON FORCES TAKE ANOTHER SERB CITY

Berlin, Nov. 3.—The city of Ustie, (Uzice), in Northwestern Serbia, has been captured by the Germans. This announcement was made by the war office today.

The war office announced today that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg had been forced to withdraw his lines between Swenton and Isenlakes, on the northern end of the Russian front.

AUSTRIAN FORT BOTTLED UP

Udina, Nov. 3.—Fort Hannel, center of the Austrian system of fortifications around Malborghetto, dominating the road from Pontafel to Tarvis, has been "bottled up," according to Italian official reports as all surrounding heights have been occupied with Italian guns, rendering the fort powerless.

WILLIAMS WILL NOT BE HANGED AS SCHEDULED

Counsel For Bridgeport Railroad Man Appeals to Supreme Court.

Isaac N. Williams, the ex-convict, railroad man and former resident of 477 Broad street, Bridgeport, will not hang December 8, for the murder of County Commissioner Hubert B. Case of Berkhamstead, for which with Harry Roe of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he was recently convicted and sentenced to pay the death penalty.

Counsel for Williams and Roe has filed an appeal to the supreme court of errors. The appeal acts as a stay and it is not thought the appeal can be perfected and arguments made before the January term of the supreme court.

Williams, who is well known in the South End of the city, was found guilty with Roe of murdering Case in his store late on the night of November 28, 1914. He had been married in this city on September 10, 1914, by Rev. A. C. Thompson, former pastor of the Emanuel Baptist church, to Miss Marie Williams, who came from Oklahoma for the ceremony.

During the trial his wife remained loyal to him and throughout the ordeal has contended that he is innocent. Williams attempted to prove an alibi in the statement that he was in Poughkeepsie on the night of the murder. This contention was broken down by evidence submitted by the state police.

Williams attempted to commit suicide in a cell while awaiting trial by slashing his wrist with a piece of glass but was discovered before his act proved fatal.

Ferris Will, Mutilated, To Be Admitted

Although part of the signature has been cut or torn out and is missing from the will of Eunice Augusta Ferris of Easton, Judge Miller will probably make the document part of the records of the Bridgeport probate court tomorrow. There was brief hearing on the matter today at which her husband, Wilson Ferris, sole beneficiary under the will appeared and testified that the document was the one his wife had signed as her last will and testament. Only her given name, "Eunice Augusta" and the letters "P. F." appear on it. Back of the hearing lies a rather interesting story.

Mr. Ferris and his wife lived for many years in Easton where Mr. Ferris was a successful farmer. He is 56 years old and owns a farm there where he and his wife spent most of their married life. During their declining years they placed their savings in banks in the name of Mrs. Ferris. On July 27, 1907, both made wills. Mr. Ferris arranged that if he died first the farm should go to his wife alone. Mrs. Ferris in her will left all the money in the banks to her husband. Their joint savings amounted to several thousands of dollars.

About a year ago Mrs. Ferris went on a visit to some relatives in New Haven. She took both wills with her. Within a few weeks she died there but the wills could not be found among her effects. Relatives searched every nook and corner of the room where she died. Finally, Nellie K. Bradley, a niece, discovered the will in the drawer of a bureau that had been ransacked several times before.

The document has the appearance of having been carefully folded and then mutilated with a pair of shears or some other sharp instrument. Not only is the signature missing but also part of the name of her husband who she intended named as executor as well as beneficiary is gone.

Parts of the names of the witnesses are gone and Judge Miller is having the witnesses looked up. Charles Fable of Westport, testified today that he believed the part of Mrs. Ferris' signature which appears on the will is genuine and also to his belief that she intended the money in the banks to go to her husband.

Mrs. Bradley, the niece, has not presented any claim against the estate. Mr. Ferris' will is still missing.

Charles Weed, a farmer of Putney, who was arrested by State Policemen Rowe H. Wheeler, on Saturday evening, on the charge of creating a disturbance and threatening to kill his niece, Beatrice Beach, aged 13 years, was fined \$15 for creating a disturbance and \$10 for breach of the peace by Judge Howard J. Curtis in the Stratford town court today.

ELECTION RETURNS

Complete and corrected returns of the city election yesterday will be found on Page 2 of The Farmer today.

HOODOO LOADING HOUSE SCENE OF BAD EXPLOSION

Another Blow-Up Sends Workman to Hospital, Perhaps Fatally Hurt.

LIES BESIDE MAN HURT FORTNIGHT AGO Company Unable to Account For Repetition of Disastrous Explosions.

With his face so badly disfigured as to be hardly recognizable, John Martin, aged 27, of 1331 Stratford avenue, the third victim of recent explosions in the primer department of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. on Barnum avenue, hovers between life and death in the Bridgeport hospital today.

On an adjoining cot in the big hospital ward, with his eyes and face swathed in white bandages and unable to see the new victim of the high powered fulminate explosive lies M. M. Jewett, who less than two weeks ago was similarly injured in the same little concrete booth that has proved dangerous to so many engaged in the hazardous occupation. The explosion which resulted in Martin's injury occurred at 7:10 a. m., almost the same time as Jewett's mishap.

Officials of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. would give a large sum to anyone able to explain the cause of these accidents, in order that remedial measures might be introduced in the conduct of the department.

All that is known of the affair, as in the Jewett case, is that Martin entered the drying shed with his primer, which he presumably put into a stove upon which the fulminate was poured. He is believed to have been shaking them about when the explosion occurred. He was in one of the small concrete cells, known as "units" when the detonation was heard. A dozen other similar booths, each containing an occupant engaged in the same work. There was a moment's anxious wait of the part of all and then with that care which is exhibited by all who daily take their lives in their hands, they safely deposited their treacherous material and went to Martin's assistance.

He was lying upon the floor, his face, neck and arms torn by the force of the explosion. Removed to the emergency department of the factory he was attended by Dr. George B. Cowell and quickly transferred to the Bridgeport hospital. It was said that Martin had little chance for recovery but in any event will be totally blind and disfigured.

Workers in the drying room are superstitious over the recurrence of explosions in "the safe booth" and a thorough examination of the room has been made by high officials in an effort to ascertain the particular reason for such occurrences.

Martin, well known on the East side, is a bridegroom, having married Miss Cora Anderson, niece of Mrs. Thomas Pullon, with whom she formerly lived at 1420 Stratford avenue. His young wife is nearly prostrated.

TELLS HOW ROAD GOT CONTROL OF LOCAL BOAT LINE

New York, Nov. 3.—Counsel for the government called Charles C. Goodrich, general manager of the Hartford and New York Transportation Co., as a witness upon resuming today the trial of William Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Leyard and other directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, charged with conspiracy to monopolize railway traffic in New England.

Goodrich gave testimony Friday by which the government intended to show that the steamboat line of which he was general manager, was quietly acquired by the New Haven in 1905 as one of the road's competitors.

After the Hartford and New York Transportation Company was taken over by the railroad other steamship lines or properties the witness testified, were put under its control—the steamboats of the United States Transportation Company, a small line to Bridgeport, and several boats of the Old Colony Steamship line. The operation of the Maine Steamship Company also was placed under the control of the Hartford line.

G. O. P. AX FALLS ON OLD EMPLOYE OF LABOR BUREAU

Hartford, Nov. 3.—Labor Commissioner William S. Hyde notified George A. Parsons, special agent of the labor bureau, yesterday that after December 1 his services would not be needed. Mr. Parsons at once resigned his position and today his official connection with the bureau ceased.

Mr. Parsons has been special agent of the bureau 16 years. He was first appointed by Commissioner Harry E. Back. Mr. Parsons said today that it was more than likely he would become connected with the American Federation of Labor as an organizer. His first work will be the development of a movement for the securing of eight hours a day for the textile workers in the eastern part of the state.

Commissioner Hyde had under consideration for the position Orin F. Curtis of New Britain and John Costello of Stonington.

SWINDLE FOUND IN RENT AGENCY CONDUCTED HERE

Police Arrive at Office of Orville A. Roberts After He Has Gone.

TOOK DEPOSITS FOR FICTITIOUS RENTS Many Complaints Reach Police Headquarters After He Makes Getaway.

Search for Orville A. Roberts, who claimed to be a real estate agent, was begun by the police today as the result of complaints of a number of families who assert that he has been conducting a successful rent agency swindle here. Roberts' profits from his enterprise here are estimated by the police at from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and that he was able to conduct his agency successfully is explained in the fact that he dealt of rents in the city has so greatly upset regular business in this line that his operations, boldly conducted, escaped the attention they otherwise would have attracted.

Orville A. Roberts opened offices in the Bridgeport Savings Bank building at 157 State street about six weeks ago where he received deposits ranging from \$10 upwards from the heads of households who were vainly endeavoring to procure a rent. About 10 or 12 days after the deposit had been made the rent seeker would be notified by mail that a vacancy had been found and they were given or offered to move into the unoccupied tenement. After transferring their furniture to the number of the street given them by Agent Roberts they would find that the tenement was either occupied or the number given would correspond with that of a vacant lot. In one instance a family recently moved to this city from Springfield, was given a number on Boston avenue, in the vicinity of the Remington Arms plant, which corresponded with the number assigned to the vacant Wheeler's lot, south of Old Mill Green and used as a baseball diamond.

It is the belief of the local authorities that Roberts' profits during the last six weeks aggregated from \$2,000 to \$3,000. He daily commuted from New York city where he is alleged to have worked the same game for a short time.

Three complaints were received at police headquarters yesterday concerning the game worked by Roberts. It appears that "suckers" were coming to Roberts day after day. Yesterday a family attempted to move into a house on Park avenue and were refused entrance by Henry L. Blackman, senior member of the real estate firm of Blackman & Son, who were agents for the house. The family applying for admission explained the situation to Mr. Blackman and he immediately reported the matter to the local detective bureau.

Detective Sergeant Edward Cronan paid a visit to the office in the Bridgeport Savings Bank building at nine o'clock this morning, but the "real estate agent" had gone. The interior of the office, where furniture and the departed Roberts even went so far as to have his name and real estate connections scratched off the glass on the door of his office. He had no money deposited in the local bank and was wont to commute to this city from New York daily.

CITIZENS' PARTY IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMMISSIONS

Democrats and Republicans Must Be Named—The Election Aftermath.

The appointment of members of bipartisan commissions and boards is not altered by the election, although the Democratic party is in third place, and the Citizens' party in second place.

The appointments are made from the two parties having the largest number of members of the board of aldermen. Since there will be 13 Republican aldermen and five Democratic aldermen, appointments are confined to these parties, and Mayor Wilson has thus an opportunity to continue the relations which his previous administrations established through appointments to Democrats.

J. Alex. H. Robinson who has been re-elected as city clerk, reached his office about 11 o'clock today. Mayor Wilson went to spend the night at the cottage where he has been sojourning all summer at Laurel Beach. He sent word to his secretary that he would not be at his office today.

Mr. Robinson said there would be no changes in the personnel of the clerks or attaches at the city hall so far as he knew. Speaking as town chairman for the Republican party, he said the results of the election yesterday verified his predictions.

Hugh J. Lavery, Democratic town chairman, said it is now up to the Republican party to ratify the will of the people as expressed at the polls yesterday. Beyond extending congratulations to those who won, which he said every good loser should do, he had nothing to say.

The city clerk's office was thronged all morning with Republican politicians and workers. Someone sent the city clerk a basket of big white and yellow chrysanthemums but he refused to say who the donor was. A basket of carnations and chrysanthemums also graced the desk of Town Clerk Schultz.

There was much speculation about city hall today as to who would succeed John J. Cullinan as vice president.

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BOSWORTH, DEAD BANDIT, PLAINED TO LOOT LOCAL BANK WITH SIX GUNMEN

MOTOR HOOK AND LADDER RAMS A CROWDED JITNEY; SIX HURT, ONE MAY DIE

Five persons are in the hospital, one of them seriously hurt, following a collision, at State and Norman streets at 6:40 o'clock this morning, between a crowded jitney bus and Hook & Ladder Motor Truck No. 1.

The jitney, completely enclosed by storm curtains, was struck broadside, by the six-ton fire truck. The terrific impact hurled the bus about ten feet before the wheels crumpled on the car.

The following were hurt and taken to St. Vincent's hospital: Joseph Pjura, 25 years old, of 85 Summerfield avenue, probable fracture of right leg; injuries to head; taken to hospital in unconscious condition.

Earl Woods, Querida street, Fairfield, driver of the jitney, injuries to left side and contusions. John Anello, 728 East Main street, injuries to head and right leg; suffering from shock.

S. A. Morin, 271 Beach St., injuries to right arm and left leg; suffering from shock. Leo Godeau, 1072 East Main street, injuries to both legs, head and left arm; suffering from shock.

John Matesik, of 1382 Pembroke street, was treated at Emergency hospital for injuries to his head and chest, but refused further hospital treatment and went to his home.

Just before crashing into the jitney, the big truck, driven by Clifford Murphy, narrowly averted hitting a motorcycle traveling east on State street. The motorcycle shot across the path of the jitney, and the driver, a quick work of Driver Murphy, was a collision avoided. The firemen didn't obtain the motorcycle's number.

A few seconds after avoiding this accident, the truck crashed into Woods' jitney. At the time, the firemen say, the truck wasn't making more than six or seven miles an hour. The jitney driver seeing his danger, had come almost to a stop directly in the path of the fire apparatus.

Capt. M. J. Daily, of the truck company, who was sounding the siren.

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WILSON RETURNS TO OFFICE AS MINORITY CHOICE; WALKER LOSES THROUGH DEFECTIONS

The election gave Bridgeport for the second time a minority mayor, brought the Citizens' ticket into second place, reduced the Democratic ticket to third place and left the Socialists ticket where it was before.

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, receiving 929 votes less than a year ago, had a plurality of 3,535 over Daniel E. Walker, Democrat, and a plurality of 2,814 over Henry Lee, Citizen. But the total vote cast against Wilson was 9,029, leaving him a minority choice by 2,333 votes.

The prophets who deal with the matter of election after the battle is over had no difficulty in understanding that the divided opposition was the source of the mayor's strength, and the real basis of his election.

The most surprising feature of the election was the small vote of the Democratic candidate, who was beaten by an unheard of plurality, although he made a gallant fight.

The entire ticket went down with Mr. Walker, and for the first time in the history of Bridgeport, no Democrat, however deserving, was chosen to any office whatever, the minority of city sheriff, of selectmen and half the members elected to the Board of Education going to the Citizens' party.

Mr. Walker's activity for his own election and that of the ticket completely obliterated the diligently circulated story that he desired the election of the Wilson ticket. But early in the day it was ascertained that men who were expected to be entirely loyal to Walker, were working for Wilson, and this unexpected defection completed the terrible defeat by which the Democracy was subjected.

City place holders, regardless of party, were almost a unit in supporting Mr. Wilson. His ticket received the support of elements dissatisfied with the foreign policy of the Democratic party, and even gained strength from the Warrentite pavement, burdened as it was with scandal, because many automobilists welcomed the improved streets regardless of the means by which they were obtained.

NINE DEAD, MANY MISSING AS COAST LINER HITS SHOAL

Marshfield, Ore., Nov. 3.—Nine persons are known to be dead and several others still missing today as the result of grounding of the steamship Santa Clara on the southern spit of Coos Bay, 7 miles south of the Columbia river, yesterday. The Santa Clara left Portland on Sunday and carried 40 passengers and a crew of 42. The known dead are:

Miss M. J. Dunn, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. D. H. Horn, Hood River, Ore.; Eugene Gillinwater, Delmar, Bogue, Gold Hill, Ore.; child of J. Crowley, Mill City, Ore.; two unidentified women and two members of the crew.

Captain Lofstedt, who was at first reported dead, succeeded in reaching the Santa Clara after his lifeboat had been capsized and was rescued with eight members of the crew by the Coos Bay lifesaving crew.

Coroner Phelan's Justification of Police Shooting of Rhode Island Desperado Obviates Necessity of Autopsy, and None Will Know Who Killed Youth As He Fled From Arrest.

Thrilling Details of Life of Lawless Young Bank Clerk Are Disclosed to The Farmer By His Pal, Who Now is Awaiting Trial Before the New Haven Courts.

That Lyndal Bosworth, the young bandit slain Monday morning as he fled from arrest, had laid plans for a daylight raid upon the First-Bridgeport bank, which he hoped to loot, with the aid of half a dozen gunmen, was disclosed in a thrilling story told to The Farmer by his accomplice in New Haven robberies, John McNally.

McNally's story of his meeting with Bosworth does not verify the suspicion that Bosworth was the slayer of Justice W. S. Knowles of Cranston, R. I., though Bosworth, according to McNally, admitted that he had taken one man's life.

That the real slayer of Bosworth, one of the party of about a dozen Bridgeport and New Haven policemen, will never be known is likely. Although Medical Examiner Samuel E. Garlick had planned to conduct an autopsy yesterday, by which it was expected the fatal bullet would have been extracted from the dead bandit's abdomen, the medical examiner received instructions from Coroner John J. Phelan which rendered the autopsy unnecessary.

The coroner, after hearing the stories of the police and of the two youths who betrayed the fugitive into the hands of the police, was satisfied that the shooting was justifiable and that reason he dispensed with the formality of an autopsy.

McNally, brought here by the New Haven police in connection with the coroner's inquest, was not brought into the proceedings. He was held at police headquarters throughout yesterday, and at 5 o'clock in the evening was returned to New Haven police headquarters. Bosworth's body was taken from the undertaking parlor of Curran & Mullins, who conduct the city morgue, to those of Henry E. Bishop. The remains were shipped to Providence on the 11:11 train. The funeral services took place this morning.

Coroner John J. Phelan, following an inquest held Tuesday into the death of Bosworth, declared that the circumstances of the shooting on Monday proved that the police were justified in their act.

Appearing before him were Capt. John E. Ragan, Detective George Fos of the Bridgeport police department, Captain of Detectives Henry J. Boland, Detectives Harry W. Tuttle, William H. Deakin and Stanley Glanville of the New Haven police force, and James Buckley and George Elfield, Bridgeport youths who aided in the attempted capture of Bosworth.

It was disclosed that the bandit was armed with an automatic revolver ready for immediate use and that if he had been permitted to turn about one or more of the policemen's lives would have been jeopardized. Funeral services were held in New Haven today over the remains of Detective Sergeant Bennett W. Dorman, who died as a result of the bullet fired by Bosworth. At the home on Pond street, at 2 o'clock today, a large delegation of friends and policemen gathered about the bier to pay a parting tribute to the popular detective.

McNally's story of Bosworth's organizing a band of robbers in this vicinity is being thoroughly sifted by the police of New Haven and Bridgeport. It is not unlikely that further arrests will be made in connection with recent robberies in these two cities, as a result of his disclosures.

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FRENCH REPULSE BULGARS

Paris, Nov. 3.—Announcement was made by the war office today of the repulse of a Bulgarian attack on French troops in southern Serbia, near Krivopal. In the region of Strumitza the French troops are advancing on the mountains near the frontier.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, moderate west winds.